Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization started in 1890 for the purpose of improving the social, cultural, and physical environment, and to be of service to others through volunteerism; and,

Whereas, The volunteer work consists mainly of, but is not limited to, six areas: The Arts, education, conservation, home life, international affairs, and public affairs; and,

Whereas, Today there are 35 clubs in the state of South Dakota with 563 members; and,

Whereas, Communities that have a local club benefit by the work of the members as volunteers in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and libraries. Parks, streets, and derelict buildings have been cleaned up, beautified, lighted, equipped through the efforts of local clubs, and they have also made generous donations to small town ambulance and transportation units through their community improvement projects; and,

Whereas, Book scholarships are given to six high school seniors to be used to purchase college textbooks, and student loans are also given to qualified applicants; and,

Whereas, During the past year, 20 reporting clubs had 616 projects to improve their home community, gave 19,996.5 volunteer hours, and donated $23,618.70 to charities and public service organizations; and,

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Dakota is having its 103rd Annual State Convention on April 24-26, 2003, beginning with an observance of Federation Day, April 24, 2003; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2003, as

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the full value and significant contributions these clubs have made in their communities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State